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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OGEN

SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. ICE CREAM. DESK OFFICER LEARNED FROM MUGAR TODAY THAT ICE CREAM WAS MEANT AS A SURPRISE CONTRIBUTION TO EMBASSY'S FOURTH OF JULY PARTY. MUGAR PLANS TO SEND FROM BRIGHAMS: HOT FUDGE (IN TINS), PECANS (TINS), JIMMIES (BOXES), SUGAR CONES (BOXES), AND SEVERAL SERVING SCOOPS.

HE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEND ICE CREAM, PACKED IN DRY ICE, BUT UNDERSTANDS THE PERILS INVOLVED IN GETTING IT FROM BOSTON TO JFK THROUGH A PLANE CHANGE AT COPENHAGEN AND ON THROUGH SOVIET CUSTOMS AT MOSCOW, TO YOU. PLEASE CONFIRM THAT YOU WOULD MUCH APPRECIATE THE FIXINGS BUT CAN MAKE DO WITH SOVIET ICE CREAM.

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2. RE MOSCOW 9224, PARA 1: WE APPRECIATE YOUR ALERTNESS AND HANDLING OF COMMERCE "INSTRUCTIONS" CONCERNING ICX-AVIAEKSPORT PROJECT. COMMERCE ACTED COMPLETELY ON ITS OWN. IN FACT, WE HAD ADVISED VARIOUS OFFICERS IN COMMERCE THAT THE CASE WOULD BE HANDLED HERE. APPARENTLY THE SOVIETS HAVE TOLD ICX THAT OUR MAY 31 NOTE REGARDING A POSSIBLE

AIRWORTHINESS AGREEMENT PRECLUDES THE CONSUMATION OF THEIR DEAL. HAL SCOTT, WHO RECEIVED COMPLAINTS FROM THE TRADE REPRESENTATION, INQUIRED AND WE TOLD HIM, TO HIS APPARENT SATISFACTION, THAT THE NOTE WAS TOTALLY UNRELATED TO THE ICX-AVIAEKSPORT PROJECT. WE HAVE ORALLY TOLD DALE LEWIS THE SAME, BUT HAVE DENIED HIS REQUEST FOR A COPY OF OUR NOTE. SCOTT, PRESSURED BY THE TRADE REPRESENTATION, HAS ASKED FOR OUR POSITION IN WRITING. WE PLAN TO SEND A LETTER SINCE IT SEEMS A GOOD WAY, IN THE ABSENCE OF A FORMAL SOVIET COMPLAINT, TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT. IF THE SITUATION SEEMS TO WARRANT FURTHER ACTION, WE ARE PREPARED TO CALL IN SOVIETS AND SPEAK WITH THEM DIRECTLY.

E/C SECTION SHOULD HAVE FILE ON ICX PROJECT. IF NOT, WE ARE SENDING COPY C/O E/C COUNSELOR FOR YOUR INFORMATION.
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